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CASES ARE ANALYZED

Precautions against the spread of influenza must be taken by the people of Pittsburgh or the epidemic will increase, according to the indications of an investigation which has been made by the Department of Public Health, the results of which were announced yesterday by Director W. H. Davis. The view of Maj. Davis was enforced by the fact that the number of cases reported yesterday increased 84. Maj. Davis said:

No child should be permitted in the room of an influenza patient. People should keep away from funerals and avoid visiting the sick. Everybody who must spit or cough should take precautions to protect his neighbors. Unless these precautions are observed, we are likely to have a continued spread of the disease and next week may see very serious conditions.

There were 249 new cases of influenza reported yesterday, as against 165 on Wednesday, making a total of 20,907. New cases of pneumonia numbered 21, as against 25 on Wednesday, a total of 2,002 during the epidemic. There were 52 deaths, 19 being from pneumonia, 27 from

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influenza and pneumonia and 6 from influenza. The deaths on Wednesday numbered 60.

Of the cases reported yesterday an analysis showed that the Thirteenth Ward had 41 and the Twelfth Ward 15, a total of 53 for the Homewood district. The Twenty-seventh Ward had 20 cases; the Third Ward 3, the Fourth and Fifth 14 each, the Eleventh 13, and the Fourteenth 16. The others were scattered among the various wards. Of the patients, 128 are between the ages of 20 and 39.

Sickness Hurts Mining.

The investigations made by sanitary inspectors show that a majority of the persons recently attacked attribute their illness to participation in the peace celebration of last week. A great many others were able to show that one member of a family caught it from another. Only four cases were found in which the patients believed they contracted the disease in a place of amusement.

Fuel Distributor R. W. Gardiner last night sent instructions to all the coal operators in the Pittsburgh district that railroads, by-product plants, gas producer plants and retail dealers for domestic consumption are to be preferred until the influenza epidemic abates. These four classes of consumers are to get 100 per cent of their requirements, and no others are to be supplied until their orders have been filled. The order was sent from Washington by A. W. Cadloway, director for the bituminous district of the fuel administration. It will stand until the miners now sick by reason of the epidemic recover and get back to work. The epidemic has reduced production of 40 per cent, or about 450,000 tons a week.